

THE UNEMPLOYED: AGE DISTRIBUTION (2000 AND 2008-2010)

While 32 percent of individuals in the civilian labor force in the Northeast were 34 years or younger at the end of the decade, nearly 45 percent of the region's unemployed were 34 years or younger. This is down from nearly 50 percent at the beginning of the decade, as the increasing share of the population who are 45 or older has translated into a higher share of such individuals among the unemployed. In particular, the share of the unemployed who are 55 to 64 jumped sharply over the course of the decade. However, the younger age cohorts continue to be disproportionately represented among the unemployed. For example, in 2008-2010, 16-24-year-olds accounted for the largest share of unemployed among age cohorts (25.8 percent) but were the second smallest age cohort in the civilian labor force (behind those age 65 and older), at only 13.1 percent.

Source: US Census 2000 Decennial Census PUMS data files and 2008-2010 American Community Survey PUMS data files.

Note: Unemployed are individuals age 16 or older not employed and actively looking for work.

